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## Office Action Summary

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**Applicant(s)**

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**Examiner**

Timothy Edwards, Jr.

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gray '234.

Considering claim 1, Gray discloses a keyboard having mouse functions integrated within it and leaving the existing key group completed untouched see figs 20-22.

Considering claim 2, Gray discloses a keyboard having alternative to mouse clicks, double-clicks and mouse drags via convenient mouse specific keys see paragraphs [0044-0046].

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Griencewic '381.

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Considering claim 1, Griencewic discloses a keyboard having mouse functions integrated within it and leaving the existing key group completed untouched see paragraph [0023] and figs 1c and 5c.

Considering claim 2, Griencewic discloses a keyboard having alternative to mouse clicks, double-clicks and mouse drags via convenient mouse specific keys see paragraphs [0024].

#### INVENTOR FILED APPLICATIONS

When, during the examination of a pro se application it becomes apparent to the examiner that there is patentable subject matter disclosed in the application, the examiner should draft one or more claims for the applicant and indicate in his or her action that such claims would be allowed if incorporated in the application by amendment.

This practice will expedite prosecution and offer a service to individual inventors not represented by a registered patent attorney or agent. Although this practice may be desirable and is permissible in any case deemed appropriate by the examiner, it will be expected to be applied in all cases where it is apparent that the applicant is unfamiliar with the proper preparation and prosecution of patent applications.

The following claims drafted by the examiner and considered to distinguish patentably over the art of record in this application, are presented to applicant for consideration:

Claim 1. A computer keyboard with integrated mouse functions thereon comprising, a left mouse key, a right mouse key, a mouse lock key and a single click key, which performs the functions of a double click of a mouse key; a trackball surrounded by said left mouse key, said right mouse key, said mouse lock key and said double click replacement key; wherein the mouse lock key is used to perform a cursor drag function; and any mouse key selection will release the mouse lock function.

Claim 2. The computer keyboard of claim 1, further comprising, mouse function keys and the trackball are substantially of the same height.

If applicant has no objection to examiner's proposed claim, applicant may copy these claims and submit them in an Amendment to the Claims. if applicant submits the proposed claims, applicant must cancel existing claims 1 and 2 and submit above claims as (new) claims 3 and 4. Examiner includes with this action a copy of Patent Rule 1.111.

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1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is Martinez et al '922, Jam '829, Mikan '694, Solhjell '436, Eckerberg et al '334, Jackson, Jr. '905, Manser et al '660 and Maatta et al '328. cited references disclose keyboards having integrated mouse functions.
2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Timothy Edwards at telephone number (571) 272-3067. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The examiner cannot be reached on Fridays.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik, can be reached on (571) 272-3068.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-4700, Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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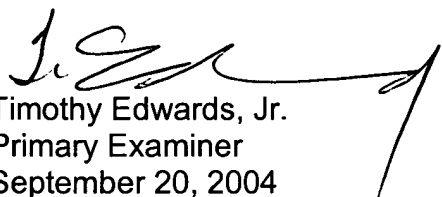
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Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor, (Receptionist).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Edwards, Jr.', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Timothy Edwards, Jr.  
Primary Examiner  
September 20, 2004